(a) whether the Government constituted any committee regarding composition of institutions of traditional education during 1991;

(b) if so, whether the said committee have submitted any outlines in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Review of Rewriting of History

5364. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMET be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review its decision on "state-sponsorship" of history in the light of reaction from four (historians) members to serve on the Committee headed by Dr. S. Gopal; and

(b) if so, the alternative plans for preparing school history text-books?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The National Advisory Committee set up to prepare the curriculum on the history of post-independent India for school and college levels, is free to determine its own procedure and methodology of work. The Government has no proposal to review the work of the Committee.

Grants to Colleges and Schools

5365. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for providing grants to colleges and schools for playgrounds and buildings separately; and

(b) the criteria adopted for giving the above grants?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to information furnished by UGC, under the Scheme of Grants for Games and Sports in Universities and Colleges under the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, financial assistance is provided to eligible Colleges for development of play fields. Assistance is subject to the cost of each Project being shared in the ratio of 75:25 between Government/UGC and concerned College. The ceiling of assistance varies between Rs. 22,000/- to Rs. 1.24 lakhs depending on the type of playfield proposed to be developed. Schools can avail of assistance for development of play fields to the extant of 50% to 100% of approved expenditure depending on location of the school subject to ceiling ranging from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/-. In addition assistance is also given to rural schools for development of playfields provided the school has a play ground, a qualified physical education teacher and the prescribed minimum enrolment of students.

UGC provides development grants for a Plan period to eligible Colleges for construction of buildings, depending upon students enrolment and level of education.

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Museum at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh

5366. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: